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(Chapters in Goose Bay and St. John's)
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MISSION STATEMENT

To provide opportunities for information sharing between midwives and to promote the profession of midwifery and the need for appropriate legislation so that midwives in Newfoundland and Labrador are publicly funded to provide evidence-based midwifery care for childbearing families in this province. (2005)

This Newsletter contains a summary of the September meeting, a report from our Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM) representative, and the plan for the past Newsletters.

The Midwives Regulations come into force on September 30 but we are still waiting to hear the model to follow, how midwives will be paid and how their personal liability insurance supplied by HIROC will be subsidized, as it is for certain other health professionals. Areas that need to be settled before midwives may be registered and start working. Registration for midwives is carried out by the Newfoundland and Labrador Council for Health Professionals (NLCHP) (www.nlchp.ca) as legislated in the umbrella Health Professions Act 2010. The first College of Midwives of Newfoundland and Labrador (CMNL) meeting is being held Monday, October 3, 2016, and the web site (www.cmnl.ca) will then be available.

The reorganizing of midwifery in this province means that AMNL documents need to be rewritten. AMNL's Mission needs to be revised (there is the appropriate legislation and regulations but currently no way for midwives to practice.) We need a Vision statement (see the last page of this Newsletter.) The biggest writing need is for volunteers to rewrite the By-laws (as nowadays there is one document whereas there used to be a requirement for both a Constitution and By-laws.) An Executive is also needed. When these items are completed AMNL may need to apply to be incorporated.

The AMNL is still needed to advocate for midwives and midwifery care for women in this province. The main objective of the CMNL, along with the NLCHP, is to protect the public, not the midwives, and cannot advocate or lobby for midwifery. Also, a reminder that membership in CAM is through the provincial association.

At the AMNL AGM it was agreed that the membership fee should increase and an e-mail vote following the meeting was that as from January 1, 2017, the fee should be \$30.00. Membership fees are due January 1 each year. Payments may be by on-line banking, but cheques may still be sent to Pamela Browne, Treasurer (wazzar1955@gmail.com). An application for membership form is at the end of this Newsletter, and should be completed for all methods of payment.

The Newsletter editor welcomes midwifery news items, especially about midwifery conferences and workshops. Those who submit items are responsible for obtaining permission to publish in our Newsletter. The Editor does not accept this responsibility. Items for the Newsletter should be submitted by the end of the month before the next issue is due.

Pearl Herbert, Editor, (pherbert@mun.ca)

Did You Know there is only one metropolitan area in this province (although we have three cities)?
<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/tables-tableaux/sum-som/z01/cs0007-eng.htm> - click on St. John's.

AMNL General Meeting,

Monday, January 16, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. (Island time)

In St. John's this will be at Janeway by the Health Sciences Centre

In January contact Ann Noseworthy for access pass code

Access is free from anywhere in Canada (advise if there are problems entering the meeting)

Canada's Breastfeeding Week October 1-7

Breastfeeding: A Key to Sustainable Development

<http://worldbreastfeedingweek.org/index.shtml>

World Prematurity Day November 17

November 20, 10:00 a.m., for a walk around Long Pond

Meet and Finish at the Janeway Ship

www.marchofdimes.org/mission/world-prematurity-day.aspx

Canadian Association of Midwives AGM and Conference

Victoria, B.C. October 26-28, 2016

www.canadianmidwives.org

Executive Committee

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CAM representative: Ann Noseworthy

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Newsletters in HSLibrary: serial stacks under "A" and "N"

Summary of Meeting held on September 12, 2016

Pamela Browne and Susan Felsberg were only able to join for a short while as there was a power black-out in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, but it was long enough for Susan to make her surprised statement that she was resigning from AMNL and her position as co-signer. Susan Wilson, Labrador, had previously said that she was retiring from work and from AMNL.

Ann, Karene, Kay, Mary and Pearl had been in the gallery in the House of Assembly on April 28 to hear the Minister of Health and Community Services introduce the Midwives Regulations (see AMNL News 74, June 2016). Although these come into force on September 30, 2016, there are items that are still unknown, such as the model to be implemented, how midwives will be paid, and how the large personal liability insurance of \$21.506 will be subsidized. The inaugural College of Midwives meeting is October 3. (The NLCHP deals with registration including the collection of money for registration and for College membership, quality insurance, allegations and complaints, disciplinary matters, and the College is represented on these committees and on the Council.) All registered midwives automatically become members of the College.

Louise Jones, CEO and Registrar of NLCHP retired at the end of February but has been working part-time until a new person is appointed. AMNL has been collecting for a gift to thank Louise for the help

that she has given midwives in pushing the regulations forward. A lunch at the Botanical Gardens is planned for October 18 when the gift will be given.

To assist midwives in their practice recording that involves more than just counting births and hours of practice, a Practice Record has been developed and is waiting for further input. The next question is whether it should be professionally formatted. Nothing further has been done with the Brochure regarding a Midwife because of the changes to midwifery in this province.

There are questions being asked on both the AMNL web page and the telephone by women looking for a midwife. They are disappointed when told that currently there are no registered midwives in the province.

Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM) Report September 2016 submitted by Ann Noseworthy, AMNL Rep to the CAM Board

CAM office has been busy over the summer months with the office moving to a larger space in Montreal. (2330 rue Notre-Dame Ouest, Suite 300, Montreal, QC, H3J 1N4). They share an office building with NGOs, including the Association, le Regroupement les Sages-Femmes du Québec (RSFQ). CAM is also in the midst of hiring more staff to help with the projects and increased responsibilities as a result of the international projects with which CAM is involved.

Member Associations: The RSFQ has a new President, Mounia Amine. CAM has a new vice President, Claudia Faille. CAM no longer has a representative from PEI as Joyce England retired late last year. Manitoba has reported that the Midwifery program run under the University College of the North, and to be run in association with the University of Manitoba, had not received funding again this year. The Manitoba Midwives Association is lobbying the government to try to correct this.

Committees/working groups

Governance committee recommended having a consumer on the CAM board and will be looking into a process to achieve that.

CAM plans to work on releasing more position statements and working will be convened to develop statements on Place of Birth statements. Other statements are in the consideration stage.

CAM conference: So far there are 274 registrants (including exhibitors) for the CAM conference in Victoria, BC, October 26-28. This is a good sign as the conference is one of the big fund-raisers for CAM. The number of students registered has increased as the Student Midwives Association of Canada (SMAC) has been encouraging its membership to attend.

Students: SMAC has started developing a student led process to get a student representative on CAM board. CAM has also set up student bursaries, two \$500 and five \$200, to enable students to attend the CAM conference.

Advocacy: CAM is still working on getting the ACT for National Midwives Day, the process was interrupted when the National Election took place last year and so begins again. At the Board intensive in October we will also be looking at other projects we can undertake to benefit midwives nationally.

A committee on Gender Equity and Diversity has been formed and have their first meeting on September 22.

Remember ICM is next year, June 18-22, 2017, in Toronto and CAM started a campaign to help fund midwives from under-resourced countries to be able to come. An email was circulated and recirculated recently.

International Projects

Improved Service Delivery for Safe Motherhood: Strengthening & Supporting Midwifery in Tanzania (ISDSM project): YEAR 3 - is progressing well with good results for Tanzania midwives, in organisations strengthening and emergency skills teaching.

Strengthening Midwifery in South Sudan (SMSS project): YEAR 1 of a 5 year project. The project is under the auspices of UNFPA and began in April. However the project on the ground is currently on hold as unrest has increased in South Sudan as presently it is not safe. Work is ongoing is recruiting Canadian Midwives for the Peer to Peer aspect of the project.

Midwives Save Lives (MSL project): YEAR 1 of a 4 year project. CAM is partnering with CUSO and the project was officially launched in Ottawa in July. The four target countries are Benin, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Ethiopia. So far a workshop has been run for CAM, CUSO, and representatives from each of the four target countries. The project implementation plan has been developed and sent to Global Affairs Canada. Planning is underway for a launch in each country, led by Midwifery leadership and recruitment is underway for the projects.

The Ghislaine Francour Fund: CAM decided to fund the Midwives Association in Haiti, AISFH, and recently gave them the first instalment. AISFH has secured a lease and is undertaking renovations of the space and obtaining furniture.

AMNL Newsletter

This is an update regarding the concern expressed at the AGM (see March Newsletter) that the AMNL Newsletters placed on the shelves in the Health Sciences Library are no longer in ring binders but are now loose in boxes in three different places ("A" for Alliance of Midwives, Maternal and Neonatal Nurses; "N" for Newfoundland Labrador Midwives Association; "A" for Association of Midwives). Although the library had been contacted no reply had been received so prior to the September meeting Pearl spoke to Janet Bangma, the new Associate University Librarian (Health Sciences & Library Information Technology Services), Memorial University of Newfoundland. She has replied:

We do not need binders as it is not best practice to put this type of material into a binder. Putting the newsletters into the filing boxes helps preserve them and is "best practice" for ensuring the newsletters will be available into the future. This is particularly true if the intent is to digitize them. Putting holes* into the newsletters so that they can be put into binders will take away a word or letters which makes digitization of the newsletters a problem. After the newsletters are digitized and preserved, then if there is a strong desire to put into binders we can revisit the question. Pam has confirmed that we do have all the newsletters, now that you have brought in a couple of issues that we were missing. We have put "see also" pointers onto the filing boxes so that users will know there was a name change. With respect to digitization and preservation of the newsletters. We have put this into the project queue. The newsletters are Newfoundland focused and we have a desire to preserve and make accessible Newfoundland produced publications. As I indicated, it is likely to be a year before we are able to begin this digitization project. Before beginning, someone from the HSL will be in touch.

* We have not done this in recent years.

The Newsletters from 1992 are being put on a memory stick. The Alliance ones are much longer because they contain items such as a project (that was given to Pearl and Bernadine) to collect a list of

all library items that pertained to maternity care. Then, every September the Health Sciences Library used to provide a disk of acquisitions regarding maternity care over the past year. Newspaper articles were included at the end of the newsletter, such as the ones from the *Vancouver Sun* of May 15, 1993, when we attended the ICM, order forms for various journals were also added. From July 1994 to March 1995 there were four chapters of the Alliance history. In 1997 the Newsletters changed to the NLMA heading, and the number of pages decreased. Included with these issues were information pages from BCC, CPSS, Infact, CICH, etc.

There are nearly 100 issues and it is interesting looking back at these Newsletters to see how technology has advanced in the last 25 years. Now we would not need to obtain lists of library items and newspaper articles can often be obtained from a website, as also can information pages from various organizations.

Pamela Browne had offered to scan the various attachments to these early Newsletters. Over the years any spare Newsletters have been given out at workshops so are not readily available. If the library is going to digitalize them perhaps this is all that is needed, and we will have the main PDF formatted Newsletters. The Newsletter from the early days were saved without covers as the "dumplings" were hand drawn, and it was not usual to scan and save. The Newsletters are produced in Word Perfect, not now used by most people, so they are being put into PDF format.

Items needed to Update AMNL

Executive needed. Ideally those who are on the College executive should not be on the AMNL executive. There could be conflict protecting the public and supporting a midwife, especially when there is any issue of practice.

Your ideas are needed for our **Vision**, for example:
A midwife with every woman.

Your ideas for an appropriate **Mission Statement**, an example:
To provide opportunities for information sharing between midwives, to promote the profession of midwifery, to advocate and lobby for midwives in Newfoundland and Labrador to be publicly funded to provide evidence-based midwifery care for every woman and family who requests this.

By-laws - Who wants to volunteer to help to write these?

AMNL Members and how to attract them. Any suggestions?

Please send suggestions for the above to the Editor by the end of October 2016.

Perinatal Program NL

<http://www.easternhealth.ca/Professionals.aspx?d=2&id=1981&p=1972>

(I cannot find the Annual Report April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016)

The initial MORE^{OB} has finished. There is a supplement but it is quite expensive for the RHAs to buy.

ASSOCIATION OF MIDWIVES OF NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
2017

Name: _____
(Print) (Surname) (First Name)

All Qualifications: _____

Full Address: _____

Postal code: _____ Telephone No. _____
(home)

Telephone No. _____ Fax No. _____
(work)

E-mail Address: _____

Work Address: _____

Area where working: _____

Retired: _____ Student: _____ Unemployed: _____

List of Organizations of which you are a member (the Association receives requests from various organizations for representatives to review articles, attend conferences, be on committees). Your name would not be forwarded without your consent.

Provincial: _____

National: _____

International: _____

Would be interested in participating in a research project if asked: Yes ___ No ___

For midwives who pay \$85.00 (\$30.00 AMNL membership fee and \$55.00 CAM membership fee):

If you do not agree to your address, postal and Internet, being released to CAM tick here: No release: _____

I wish to be a member of the Association of Midwives and I enclose a cheque/money order from the post office for: \$ _____
(Cheques/money order Cdn \$) made payable to the Association of Midwives of Newfoundland and Labrador).

Membership and financial year from January 1 to December 31.

Information for 'on-line banking': Eagle River Credit Union Ltd, Branch # 38133, Institution # 839, Account # 91057-137 then send completed membership form to the Treasurer (e-mail: wazzar1955@gmail.com).

To be a member of AMNL and receive the electronic quarterly AMNL newsletter **\$30.00**

For AMNL members also to be members of Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM) add **\$55.00** (Total **\$85.00**)

[\$85.00 includes AMNL membership and CAM membership, including the 4-monthly CAM research/ practice journal.]

Membership for those who are residing outside of Canada **\$30.00**. Correspondence will be by e-mail.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Return to: Pamela Browne, Treasurer, Box 1028, Stn. C, HVGB, Labrador, NL, A0P 1C0

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